

Zed's Mistake.

BY THE WANDERER.

On the west shore of a large pond, which occupies a portion of three counties in the western part of this state, lies a neighborhood or borough which for nearly a century has been called Dunkertown. Fifty years ago this place was almost completely isolated. The inhabitants were rather poor, their land very stony and rough, far from market and the roads difficult and hilly. But the inhabitants were a strong, healthy race, industrious, frugal and honest. So they managed to get along from year to year keeping square with the outer world and laying by something for a wet day.

Their posterity now occupy most of the old homes of Dunkertown and is now considered the most wealthy and respectable part of the town. I always have a good word for this place for it was here I passed my childhood's happiest years.

Many years ago, not within the borders but in proximity to this borough, lived Jack Grayley, a Revolutionary hero, an aged man, broken down by hardship and exposure in his country's service, depending on his pension for support, which he often found quite insufficient to keep him and his family comfortable.

Had he lived in these days, when all who have been in the army or navy are well cared for, he would have been a pensioner, he might have rolled in wealth and luxuries instead of living in a dilapidated little hut, eking out a miserable existence upon eight dollars per month. But those were days when people lived cheap and did not mind hardship as they do now.

Occasionally he used to pay a visit to the town. This was a great treat to the folks. He would relate his adventures and campaigns during his army life until he would almost forget his infirmities, and like the crippled soldier in Goldsmith's famous song would "show how he would be won."

One of his stories which may be worth relating, as it was his first adventure worthy of note, and for convenience sake I will give it in his own words.

"When nine years of age my mother died leaving two children, myself and a sister two years younger. My father lived a retired life, not mingling much in society, but being strictly religious, used to attend church every Sabbath at a distance of about a mile.

One Sabbath morning he started for church as usual carrying his little ones to go out of doors on my account, whatever during his absence. After he had been absent an hour or more, all of a sudden we heard a scampering of sheep by the door, and looking out we beheld a huge animal chasing the flock and apparently about to spring among them. The father, seeing the danger we set up such a loud cry as to cause the creature to leave the sheep and run up a large maple tree which stood near.

As those who "know nothing fear nothing," so I, like the little I was, was not frightened. I saw the creature approaching the tree and saw the monster stretched upon a limb, waving his long tail and peering down at us apparently with great curiosity.

Giving my sister a club I bade her stand by the tree and keep him there while I went for the old rifle, which my father always kept in good order and well loaded. Taking the club in my hand, I ran to the tree and stood by the tree and pounded with all her might, calling him many naughty names for scaring her lambs and admonishing him that his days were numbered.

Banning with all speed for the house I took aim and blazed away. The monster gave a tremendous leap from some distance from the tree, uttering fearful screams and tearing up the grass and turf for a few moments, then suddenly fell over upon his back and lay perfectly still. It was then we began to realize what we had been doing and scampered for the house, dragging the rifle by the muzzle.

Our father, hearing the report and knowing from whence it came, seized his hat and ran for home to the top of his speed. When he entered the door and before he had time to speak, I exclaimed at the top of my voice, "Father, I have killed the devil!"

"What! said my father in a stern voice. 'Why do you use such language; it is wicked and very unbecoming, especially Sunday.'"

"Why have you killed him dead?" I persisted, "and that he lays out beyond the big maple."

We all ran to the big maple, when father beholding the huge monster stone dead with a bullet through his heart, turned almost with a gasp, astonished look, and pale as death exclaimed, "Why, Jack! how dare you! That is the big catamount that killed Smith's heifer, and has been the terror of the neighborhood for a long time. He is a wicked, wicked creature, and you have killed him dead!"

The neighbors soon collected, notwithstanding it being the Sabbath, and the creature's skin was soon taken off, stuffed and hung up to dry. It measured from the end of the neck to the tip of the tail eight feet and ten inches.

People used to say his stories were a little like Baron Munchausen, still no one was disputed them, and like the good Ypres of Wakefield and neighboring towns, though they had laughed at them a hundred times before still to please him they laughed again, for all understood it to be every old man's privilege to tell how smart he was when he was young.

To be continued.

The Inspectory Committee of the Normal School trustees, in Farmington, Tuesday eve, April 10th, to consider the difficulties in our Normal School. All the teachers of the school were present, and Mr. Round's counsel, T. W. Vose Esq., of the law firm of Barker & Vose, Bangor. The object of the meeting was to effect a compromise, if possible, so that the work of the school could progress harmoniously until the close of the year, when a thorough investigation would be effected. Dr. Rounds, through his counsel, declined to accept the proposed compromise, and demanded an immediate and thorough investigation of the charges brought against him. The committee then adjourned with the understanding that the investigation should take place during the recess in the first week in May.

Rev. Geo. W. Pierce of Farmington has accepted of the Free Baptist Church in Brownfield, Me.

RYAN'S FOND.

Nothing new worthy of note except the arrival of one of the seven, and a visitation of the measles.

Thanks for the communication of D. The history of the Girondists is very interesting.

The brain puzzle received is too much for us. We give it up and will refer the matter to "Kate," eds.

EXPIRED.

The ice went out of the river on the 13th and 14th inst. Citizens say it has not come out as quick for years as this. The small boat was put in at the ferry Sunday and the large one will be put in in a few days as soon as repaired.

There is to be a dance at National House Hall Wednesday eve.

Many are sick in this vicinity with sore throat.

EAST OTISFIELD.

Darius Jordan, esq., has moved to West Poland.

As James E. Leach of Raymond was passing through town one day last week near the store of L. L. Snow he became entangled in a big snow drift. Sufficient help not being at hand, he was obliged to injure himself so it was found necessary to kill him on the spot.

James Edwards lost a fine cow Friday.

Horrible traveling prevails throughout the town.

The mother of the Rev. Mr. Twort was severely injured last week by falling down stairs. It is feared her spine is injured so there is little hope of her recovery.

D. C. Johnson, esq., has so far recovered from his recent severe sickness as to go out when it is pleasant.

E. M. Johnson is giving his house a new coat of paint.

Buckfield.

Two white men and a negro, tramping through Oxford county raided the store of Atwood, Spaulding & Co. Sunday night, taking clothing, boots and shoes, cutlery, etc. to the amount of \$50 to \$75. The negro is stout and of medium height. The white men are twenty years old. They staid at Canton Saturday night, were seen in Buckfield Sunday evening; claimed to be on their way to Auburn. The burglars entered by a window in the portion of the store occupied by George M. Atwood, as a printing office. They left town by the way of the railroad track toward Mechanic Falls, as some of the stolen goods were found on the track by section men Monday morning.

Offices in Portland, Lewiston and other places are in search of them, and is expected they will be overhauled soon.

Bethel.

We have passed through a fearful week—never before since the town was incorporated. There have been many deaths and dying as last week. Monday three lay dead, and during the week two more died, viz., Francis Barker, aged 84 and David Brown, esq., aged 72. Mrs. Brown is very low and not expected to recover. Truly a fearful family. It is estimated that one-half of the families in town are now, or have been visited by the epidemic, which is a very serious and different person. Some it attacks the lungs and ends in pneumonia, while others have congestion of kidneys or liver and many other serious troubles. These dark shadows, that are as dark as death, are hovering over the town, and it is feared they will surely come, and the admonition, Be ye also ready, comes very properly to us all.

The traveling is hard, neither wheeling or sleighing, but the snow is fast disappearing and the splendid rain we had Thursday night changes the face of nature, and gives our prolonged winter a hard touch.

Thirty-two days the past winter the thermometer has been below zero, and down to 10 many other days.

There has, as yet, been no good run of sap, and are can expect after this to have much of a boom.

John Swan and Wilson Hammons are preparing to erect an elevator and steam grist mill near the Grand Trunk station, and will undoubtedly also run a saw mill. In fact Mr. Swan has quite a variety of useful and needful articles for the Grangers, and is gradually working into quite a trade in connection with his potato business. The potato and meal trade of Bethel is immense, and growing yearly, and it would seem that an elevator would prove a paying concern. Some weeks a thousand bushels of corn are sold, and more than four hundred men can hardly be found to haul them. "Potatoes" John, as he is familiarly called, from his handling forty thousand bushels of potatoes this year, always has a smile on his benign countenance (which of late has been almost a constant one) and a generous good nature of Hammons, go far to make up a firm that will command the trade of our farmers. Mr. H. also has connections in the West, that will secure to him the very best prices for purchases and unlimited quantities on easy terms.

Andover.

We haven't heard of any Mayflowers being found as yet.

Miss Edna Small, is quite sick also and Miss Nellie Cutting.

The Methodist circle met with Mrs. Geo. Thomas last week, it was one of the largest attended circles this winter.

Mr. L. F. Jones left Andover last Monday on a tour to N. Y. and other Middle States.

Mr. John Wardwell, who has been sick for some weeks past, is slowly improving and we hope soon to see him in his accustomed place.

Prof. Chamberlain, gave a musical convention and concert, last Thursday evening, being the close of the singing school, which was pronounced by all who attended a grand success. Those who failed to attend missed a rare treat.

Mr. J. W. Eaton has purchased of L. F. Jones the small dwelling house next to the Meth. Church.

Dist. No. 1 held its annual school meeting last Monday, at which the following officers were chosen: Mod., O. B. Poor, Clerk, J. Lyman Ripley, Agent, J. Lyman Ripley. Voted to have no summer school. At district No. 3, L. Chapman was chosen Mod., Charles Farrington, Clerk and O. A. Burgess, Agent. R. Grover, woods up. At dist. No. 4 John Newton was chosen moderator, Winfield Akers, Clerk and Frank Akers, Agent. Summer school begins first Monday in May.

BOLSTERS MILLS.

Mr. Thomas Mayberry, died at Spurr's Corner, Otisfield, on Sunday, April 15th, aged 83 years. Mr. Mayberry had been confined to his house most of the time for ten or twelve years, with rheumatism and nervous troubles, much of the time nearly helpless. He was one of the oldest men in Otisfield. The funerals are fast passing away.

Mrs. Dorcas A. Stiles, wife of J. M. Stiles of Harrison died on the ninth inst, aged 40 years. Mrs. Stiles leaves five small children, one an infant about six hours old in the time of her death. Mrs. Stiles has the sympathy of her neighbors and the community generally in her affliction. Funeral services were attended at the Methodist Church in this place on Wednesday, the evening of the 12th. The Rev. Jared Whitman of East Otisfield officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlow, who have been stopping in Mass. the past year have returned to their home in Otisfield.

Mrs. James Chase, who has spent the winter in this place, with her sister, has moved to her home at East Otisfield.

On Monday evening, April 9th. Rev. Mr. Twort presented "Scenes in the Life of Christ," illustrated with a magic lantern, at the church in this place.

The Maine Annual Conference of the M. E. Church will commence its session in Lewiston, on Wednesday next, April 25th, Bishop Fox presiding.

Rev. J. H. Snow, pastor of the M. E. Church, preached his last sermon for the present Conference year, at the church in this place, on Sunday, April 15th, and his return, for another year, is desired by most of the people on the church.

OXFORD.

Considerable building, repairing and painting this spring.

Thomas Baker has been Town Clerk of Oxford county five consecutive years—first elected in 1839.

Geo. H. Jones has had elegant stairs and veranda erected to his residence, and is having the whole repainted in tasteful colors.

Edwards and Lord have thoroughly repaired the old "factory store" and are putting in a fine stock of goods.

Geo. J. Parrott is a well known school agent of district No. 3—village for the third year with Thos. Baker, clerk.

Miss D'Albra S. Young of Bethel is re-engaged to teach the Grammar school. Miss Clara Elliot of Rumford is engaged for the primary school.

Mr. Sullivan Fuller of East Oxford, who broke his leg about four weeks ago, is gradually recovering.

Henry Ellis got quite a severe gash in his foot while chopping for Geo. P. Whitney.

Newton Littlewood is preparing to build a good cellar under his house—the late residence of Sidney Edwards.

Albert Ellis broke his leg last fall, and in consequence of imperfect setting it has never healed, but caused much suffering and inconvenience. Last week he went to Brunswick and had it reset by Dr. Weeks before the medical college in that city. The setting involved a difficult and rare surgical operation.

Mr. Fernald's two singing classes are to give a concert on Fast night at the M. E. Church, for which thorough preparation is being made. A very pleasing entertainment is anticipated.

The Rev. Mr. Butler closes his labors in this charge next Sabbath. Mr. Butler is a young man of much promise, and his faithful and efficient labors have been abundantly blessed in this place. He leaves many warm friends and has the respect and best wishes of all who know him.

During the prayer meeting in the Methodist vestry Saturday evening last, a bullet was fired through the window breaking the glass and passing near the head of a young lady who sat near the front of the church.

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Mr. Edward Jacques with his family, also Mr. Ellis and wife, moved back to Canada this week. Mr. Jacques with the aid of his family by industry and frugality, has accumulated enough to go to the States to purchase themselves a farm in Tung, P. Q. Mr. Henry Billings also went to Canada a short time since and his family is to follow next week.

The water is so high at Welchville that it is impossible to get any more of the woolen mill. The woolen mill has been compelled to stop.

The roads are getting quite good in this section. There was very little frost in the ground except in places where the snow had blown off. The roads are getting quite good in this section.

The sick in this vicinity are all on the convalescent list, and everybody is glad to see the end of a long hard winter.

And when the snow is all gone, we hope we shall have no more of the year of our Lord's fourteenth hundred eighty four.

Horace Pugsley son of Jeremiah Pugsley, has gone to St. Johns, Nova Scotia to visit his mother.

Epiphany Riddell of "Bar Mill" has been on a visit to his relatives in this town the past week.

John Riddell has lately moved into his house at Kears Falls, on the Porter side of the river.

Mechanic Falls.

The new shoe factory is up and going ahead rapidly.

Ex-postmaster Jason Hall has put the old post-office in thorough repair and much better accommodations are to be furnished the public under the management of the Rev. Mr. Dwyer. He has here heretofore enjoyed—except facilities for loafing.

Mr. Chas. H. Dwyer is still extremely low but hopes are entertained of his recovery.

An unusual mortality has occurred during the past winter, nearly thirty persons having deceased in the village and vicinity.

"The event of the season," according to announcement, was the grand Musical concert of Mr. Granville Fernald's large singing school on the evening of the 12th. Although "the low-hung clouds sent their garnered fullness down," during the evening, a goodly audience was present, and were unanimous in applauding the excellent performance of the various parts of the program. The chorists singing by both classes was of a high order, and the songs and duets were artistically rendered. Of those taking prominent parts were Mrs. J. D. Day, Mrs. Ida M. Kimball, Misses Lillian Jordan, Carrie Perkins and Mamie Hawkes. Master Herman Waterman, a highly gifted boy of 12 years gave a devotional song "O Lord, Thou art the Father of the Poor," with most excellent expression and effect. The piece "Possessing the Tempter," with solos by Masters Waterman and Bertie Dennen was finely rendered, and highly appreciated by all present. One of the most delightful parts of the entertainment was the solo singing of Miss Agnes L. Briggs of South Paris, who sang three beautiful pieces, "Waiting for a Bird from over the Sea," and "The Song of the Swallow," "Departed Days." Miss Briggs has rare vocal ability and exhibits careful and correct culture. Mrs. A. J. Levesbury of Lewiston, well known in Oxford County, was the pianist of the evening, and either in duet or accompanist for vocal renditions, evinced fine ability and delicate taste. The piano duet "Through valley through the forest" between this lady and Mrs. J. D. Holt was a brilliant gem of the evening, and received a rapturous cure.

Among the many who have been recently prostrated by colds and their resulting illness is Miss Nettie Grant, who has been in bed for some time. She is a pupil of an eminent Italian teacher in this city, and gave her attendance upon the singing school in which she was much interested. She was to have taken a prominent part in the concert last evening, but was prevented. Miss Grant has fine pure soprano voice of fair power, and has sung considerably in the choir of the Cong'l church.

Mrs. A. J. Tukesbury of Lewiston has a large class of piano and organ pupils here. She is at Cobb's Hotel on Mondays.

Young ladies or others wishing to take thorough instruction in vocal culture, will find an accomplished teacher in Mrs. J. D. Holt of this village. She was a pupil of an eminent Italian teacher in Boston and has taught vocal art in this city for some years. She is also a thorough teacher and artistic player of the piano, and graduated under the celebrated B. J. Lang. She possesses a very remarkable contralto voice of unusual compass.

PETER COOPER.

At a special meeting of the "New York Association for the Protection of the Immigrant Industry" held April 5th, 1883, the following minutes were prepared by Dexter A. Hawkins, was by unanimous vote directed to be entered upon their records, and a copy of the same sent to the family of the late Peter Cooper.

MINUTE.

We have heard with profound sympathy and regret of the death, in his ninety-third year, from pneumonia, yesterday morning, of our venerable friend and co-worker, Peter Cooper.

His last public act was to preside over and address the great meeting held under the auspices of this Association on the first of February last at the Cooper Institute. But in the brief space of eight years after the close of the revolutionary war, of patriotic parents who had given their all to the service of their country, he has in the most commendable manner, by his own example, in the leading industries of this young country.

With no early education beyond what the meagre common school of that day provided, yet by the power of his own industrial occupation, by a wise and diligent use of his old moments, became one of the best informed men of the age. His active, inventive, and inventive mind, and his practical habits early made him a master workman in the leading industries of this young country.

His sound judgment, unswerving integrity, and far-sightedness enabled him to see the future of the country, and to give to honest labor its just reward. His head and hand gave birth to the first locomotive constructed in America.

The invention and manufacture of iron in the United States, second now to only one country on the globe, were largely created and organized by him. Ocean telegraphy owes its success, in a great degree to his efforts. His knowledge of the reciprocal duties and obligations of labor and capital and his innate large-heartedness made him the natural leader, adviser, and friend of the laboring man. His own experience convinced him of the necessity, for the proper development of our industries, of special, technical, and industrial training for the young; and led him, as the crowning glory of his life, to establish the "Cooper Institute."

As soon as he found himself one of the rich men of the city, he bought a block of ground, planned and erected upon it a noble structure, endowed it with almost his entire fortune, and thus provided, for the young, the best technical, technical, and scientific education for at least twenty-five hundred young men and young women; and for the admirable institution a large share of his time.

His good deeds are without number; and he deserves to be recorded in history, not only as a true patriot, but as the friend of mankind.

With the joyous consciousness of a life well spent, he has at a ripe old age obeyed the command of the Great Masterworkman—"Well done, good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

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Remember the adjourned school meeting next Monday night.

Talk on Peter Cooper, next Sunday evening at Concert Hall. Services during the day as usual.

A very successful term of singing school under the instruction of Prof. Burnham closed Wednesday evening.

Mr. B. Bacon moved into the rent recently occupied by Mrs. Twombly.

W. H. Whitcomb is having his stable painted.

C. B. Cummings starts up the saw mill and makes a request to "log owners."

W. C. Pierce lost a valuable horse Thursday by breaking its leg.

Cyrus S. Tucker has carriage mats, lap robes and dusters, nets and covers for horses for sale at his shop.

Mr. H. P. Elliott of North Waterbury was in town Monday. We suppose there is no doubt that Messrs. Elliott & Bartlett have the largest and best regulated spool mill in the State. This is what the knowing ones say. They are to convert some 1,800 cords of birch into spools this season and some 800 cords of oak into shooks.

J. Clark's show window has been embellished the third and second with rose-bush on which were many full blown roses.

C. E. Rimes, the baker, clips horses, or at least he clipped his own.

A movement is being made towards organizing a Camp of Sons of Veterans in our village. Several camps have already been instituted in this State, and it seems that as many soldiers as Norway and vicinity have produced in the past, there could be a large one started here. While partaking of something of the principles of the G. A. R., and being in a certain sense an auxiliary to it, the "Sons of Veterans" is an entirely independent order and one in which all of our young men whose fathers "wore the blue" should take an active interest.

At a meeting of the Norway Light Infantry held at the Armory last Saturday evening, Capt. P. Merrill of Auburn, presiding, the following officers were elected: Capt. O. W. Collins; 1st Lieut. W. A. Ripley; 2nd, G. B. Stuart.

Rousing temperance meeting last Sunday afternoon. The meeting was addressed by members of the Club, Rev. Mr. Simons and others.

At the school district meeting held at the Academy Monday evening, Free-land Howe was elected Moderator, Rodolphus Young, Clerk, and W. F. E. Agent. The district voted to establish a Free High School and raised \$300 for maintaining the same. A committee of five was chosen to present plans for the better education of the scholars attending school and are to report to the district at an adjourned meeting April 23d, 1883. The report of the agent for last year showed an advance in the Treasury of some \$300. Capt. Whitmarsh, who has been school agent for the last four years has managed the financial affairs of the district admirably.

In answer to the question, "where is the Whittemore district?" will say it is in Paris, and if we understand rightly is east of Paris Hill and joins Buckfield.

The Portland Minstrels performed in Norway Hall last Saturday evening before a large audience. The hall was well filled. Our people turned out handsomely and for their 25 and 50 cent bits liberally given deserved a better entertainment than was presented by the above company. We do not wish to be unjust or over-exacting in our criticisms and will give due credit for some amusing jokes, good hits and well-sustained performances, but as a whole the show failed to fill the bill and give that satisfaction which merits newspaper approval. The music was good and we are pleased to note was appreciated by audiences. Prof. Grimmer is a valuable addition to any orchestra.

Rev. Mr. Simons preaches his farewell sermon at the Methodist Church next Sabbath p. m. Thus closing his three years' pastoral labors at South Paris. There has been considerable of a revival in his church the past winter and spring and there will be a baptism next Sabbath. Mr. Simons has labored faithfully, earnestly and zealously in his charge here and he has endeavored himself not only to all the people of his own society but to every one who has made his acquaintance.

There is nothing like advertising. Especially in a good paper like the ADVERTISER. We found our cat last Friday simply through the medium of advertising. The cat was visiting over to neighbor Haskell's.

We understand that the Insolvency cases of Chas. Pisk, concerning which there has been much comment in this village, where the debtor was examined at length by C. E. Holt, in behalf of creditors who elected him assignee, has been finally decided. Judge Frye denies the debtor his discharge. As the points in the opinion may be of practical importance to our business men, we shall hereafter publish it in full.

At the hearing of final hearing, Mr. Beare argued for the petitioner and A. S. Kimball for the creditors.

The Ladies Circle of the Congregational Church next Wednesday evening, at the vestry, will offer a novel entertainment—A Soap Bubble Contest—offering a prize to the gentleman blowing the largest bubble, and one to the lady doing likewise. Usual supper at 7 p. m. Admission 10 cents; supper 5 cents. Come, come, all, and help the ladies.

Notice Mrs. A. B. Chase's advertisement. She is constantly receiving new goods, and is selling them at low rates. Drop in and see the latest novelties in the millinery line.

There has been an act passed whereby all persons are forbidden to fish for, take or kill any kind of fish in Pennesseewassee and Hobbs ponds in this town for five years during the months of April, May and June of each year.

In this connection it may be well to remember that sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, police officers and constables are hereby vested with all the powers conferred by law upon game wardens and their deputies. It should be allowed for their services the same fees as are now prescribed for sheriffs and their deputies.

Mrs. E. W. Howe has a remarkable ivy. Indeed, we doubt if there is another that for luxuriance and beauty can equal it in the State. It is a common English ivy, and is nourished by the earth in a pot that would scarcely hold a willow. The ivy is judged to be 400 yards in length, and so thrifty the foliage grows almost to its roots. It has wound itself entirely around the room five or six times and now in two or three places has nearly climbed across the ceiling besides twining about pictures and ornaments on the walls. The plant is nine years old and has some twenty-five branches. Mrs. H. attributes its growth to the fact that she handles it as little as possible, taking care there should be little dust, smoke, etc. in the room. Occasionally she waters it with a little ammonia in the water. It is a beautiful plant and well worth being admired.

Peter's Magazine for May is an extra page of colored designs to represent the Hungarian styles in cross-stitch. The values for a window, table cover in applique, and many other designs together with the spring fashions make this number very interesting. The opening chapters of "The Oakwood Tragedy" lead to a very interesting story and the story "Rule or Ruin" increases in interest.

The S. S. Com. have introduced a plan whereby they hope to secure a regular literary qualification in our village. They propose to give to the faithful and capable may be sifted out from the indifferent and the incapable, and to have the standing of each grade will include those before named, in which the test will be harder, and in addition, Nat. Philosophy, (first half of Steele's) Algebra and Science of Government. In the last study only the leading features of our State Gov. and of the U. S. Gov. will be required. No one will be given a certificate to teach whose qualifications do not admit of their teaching the third grade. One will be allowed to teach the most advanced schools whose standing in the third grade will not entitle her to try for the second grade. An examination for the third grade was held April 15th. Another examination will be held on Saturday, May 5th, at 9 a. m. This will be for those who could not be present before and also for those who were admitted to the third grade with a rank of 8 or more. In the next school report will appear the names of the teachers in each grade. Teachers who fail this spring should put in some good hard work during the summer and try again at the fall examination. If this plan is faithfully carried out by the present and succeeding school boards, the best teachers will be brought to the front and receive the proper reward for their industry, while the poorest will soon find themselves distanced and out of the race.

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NORWAY ITEMS.

You seem to have items from all corners of the town, and we think you find time you should hear from the center.

We are fashionable in one respect, nearly every house containing one or more invalids.

Amos Holt has been quite ill the past week. Mrs. Matilda Watson is quite feeble, but she hopes to improve.

Pushes will be allowed for their services the same fees as are now prescribed for sheriffs and their deputies.

Mrs. Whittle has during the past week received a pension, and nearly \$1,800 back pay. They are every way well, and their neighbors rejoice with them.

Last Wednesday, the eleven, all were invited to Mr. Amos Holt's to a "sugar party." We understand there were about fifty invitations given, but the day was so stormy, only eighteen or twenty were present. Those were effectively sweetened however, and well supplied with "hot coffee and tea, pies and things" afterward. Mr. Spurgeon and wife were present and most cordially welcomed by all.

Our oldest neighbor, and we think the oldest person in town, Mrs. Susanna Woodbridge is as smart and strong as the much younger. She will be ninety-two in June, and says she "expects to live some time longer." She is somewhat bowed with the weight of years, but her mind is as active as ever.

I should forget to mention Uncle Simon Stevens, 83 years old, but just as enjoyable as ever, and his mind stored with stories of the earlier days of Norway. One is well repaid by spending an hour or two in conversation with him.

Don't, don't I beg of you reach for those scissors, Mr. Editor. I am quite done, will be less garrulous hereafter.

NORWAY LAKE.

The last ten days have been warm and beautiful spring weather, as heart could wish. The great snow banks are fast disappearing, the birds are singing their old time songs again, and now I want to say my dove-cakes are all, and beautiful birds and dairy produce. Too long in your snow-covered beds you are flowers! flowers! flowers!

Why don't you hurry along?

P. S. Gammon has a fine pair of working oxen for sale. Frank is getting to be quite a cattle breeder.

Miss Jessie Partridge is a little more comfortable.

W. S. Partridge's children are real scholars. Geography, History, Book-keeping and Physiology. Each teacher who obtains a rank of 8 in any grade will be entitled to try for the next higher.

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North Paris.

We are sorry to learn of the resignation of Rev. H. C. Estes of the Paris Church.

Rev. Seth Benson has taken to himself a life, Miss Hannah G. Emmons of Greenwood.

Rev. Thos. Hillman and family now occupy their dwelling in this village.

Dea. A. J. Abbott has exchanged his half interest in the shingle mill, his meadow and unfilled half of his home farm with N. J. Cushman for his farm, consideration \$2,000.

Silas Lawrence has exchanged places with a Mr. Bowker of Farrar's Mills.

J. B. Mason of Mechanic Falls has placed his 65 acre farm situated in So. Woodstock in the hands of W. W. Dunham to be sold for \$300. A cheap farm for some one.

Leroy Benson has moved his family to West Paris.

Hiram W. Dunham has sold his valuable farm to Ezra Reddon & Son of Woodstock.

Snow is leaving us at a fearful rate. We are all glad to say good by winter and welcome spring.

Mr. P. Warner has sold his saw mill to Mr. George Billingsworth. Mr. Billingsworth has also bought his father's interest in the Shaker Chair manufactory.

Miss Hattie Lawrence, daughter of Mr. H. C. Lawrence is at home quite ill. Her illness is due to a cold.

Five families were at one time sick in this village, and from two to five members of each family were suffering with terrible cold.

West Paris.

Rev. Elvira Young wife of David Young, aged 81, died of pneumonia a short time since. Mr. Young has gone to live with his son-in-law, Chas. Dunham, having turned over his property to Mr. Dr. Young for his support.

Mr. Cyrus Small of Greenwood, a large malignant growth removed from his neck recently, the large artery and vein in his neck were freely exposed to view. It was a difficult operation.

C. W. Dunham & Co. are doing a big business at their mill.

BIRTHS.

At South Paris, March 21, to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lawrence, a daughter.

At Paris, March 21, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Pratt, a daughter.

At Paris, March 21, to Mr. and Mrs. Joel M. Stiles, a son.

At Paris, April 14th, to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Greene, a son.

MARRIED.

At Norway, April 14th, by C. A. Frost, Esq., Mr. William C. Woolis and Miss Claire L. Corbett, both of Greenwood.

At Oxford, April 7th, Mr. Parson Jordan of East Otisfield, and Mrs. Sarah A. Morrill, of Poland.

At Waterford, April 4th, by Rev. J. S. Richards, Mr. J. L. Tobie, of Poland, and Miss Julia A. Bancroft of Waterford.

At Norway, April 3rd, by Rev. A. H. Witham, Mr. George Moore, of Greenwood, and Miss Adeline E. Baker of Norway.

At Paris, March 14th, by Rev. W. P. Merrill, Mr. Melville W. Dunham, of Woodstock, and Mrs. Frances M. Boney, of Manchester.

At Paris, March 14th, by Rev. A. H. Witham, Mr. Daniel A. Thurston and Miss Nettie J. Penabody, both of Randolph.

DIED.

In Norway, April 17th of spinal disease, Mrs. Bern. Whitcomb, aged 26 years.

At Norway, April 14, E. W. Wing, aged 28 years.

At Bethel, April 10, Mr. Francis Barker, aged 68 years.

At Bethel, April 11, Mr. David E. Brown, aged 68 years.

At Bethel, April 13th, Mr. S. S. Bartlett, aged 70 years.

At West Poland, April 10, Mr. H. S. Herriot, aged 73 years.

At Waterford, April 11, Mrs. Emeline, widow of the late John Tucker, aged about 70 years.

At Otisfield, April 8, Mr. Thomas Mobery, aged 83 years.

At Paris, April 12, Thomas, son of the late Capt. N. Munson, aged 16 years.

At Paris, April 13th, Mrs. Dorcas A. Stiles, aged 40 years.

At Paris, April 10, Mrs. Roxanna Gibbs, aged 81 years, 7 months.

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